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The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17; 32)

I. Moses Receiving Instructions from God

In the third month after Israel left Egypt, the Israelites came to the Wilderness of Sinai. They camped there before the mountain. God told Moses to come up to the mountain.

So Moses went up to God. God said, “Tell the people of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I brought you out of Egypt. Now, if you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be special to Me above all people.’”

Moses returned and called for the elders of the people. He told them God would make an agreement with Israel and take care of them if they obeyed His words. The people said, “We will do all that the Lord want us to do.” Moses went back to God and told Him what the people had said.

Then God said to Moses, “Tell the people to wash their clothes and be ready for the third day. On the third day I will come down on Mount Sinai. Tell them not to go up to the mountain or touch it. Anyone who touches the mountain will die. When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain.” Again Moses went down from the mountain and got the people ready.

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II. God Speaks from Mount Sinai (Exodus 20:2-17)

Now on the third day there was great thunder and lightning. A thick cloud of smoke covered the mountain. The sound of a very loud trumpet caused the people to shake with fear.

Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. God told Moses to come back up the mountain. He didn't want the people to come too close to the mountain. Then God spoke all the words of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17)

The people were scared! They told Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear. But we are afraid if God speaks to us again, we will die!” So Moses relayed more of God's laws to Israel, and they again said, “All the words which the Lord has said, we will do” (v.3).

Then God called Moses to come up the mountain again. God told him all the commandments and judgments that He wanted His people to live by. God gave Moses two tables of stone on which He had written the Ten Commandments with His own finger. Moses stayed with God for 40 days!

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III. The Golden Calf (Exodus 32)

Moses stayed so long on the mountain, the people thought he wasn't going to return. They decided to build an idol, a golden calf. They had seen the pagan idols that Egypt worshipped. Aaron took gold earrings from all the people and molded them into a golden calf for the people to worship. This was a great sin against God.

When Moses came down from the mountain, he was carrying the tablets. Then he saw the golden calf and the people dancing around it. He became so angry he threw the two tablets down! They broke into pieces.

He shouted, “All those who are on God's side, come near to me!” All the men of the tribe of Levi came to him. On Moses' order, they went forward and killed those who had committed this sin.

IV. God Rewrites the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17)

Then God told Moses to come back up the mountain and bring two stone tablets. God wrote the commandments down again with His finger. Moses was on the mountain with God for another 40 days and 40 nights.

Moses returned to the people carrying the two tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments written on them. Read in Exodus 20:2-17 what God wrote on the two tablets of stone with His own finger. These are the Ten Commandments.